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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS

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1. DURING COURSE OF CALLS AT MFA MARCH 3 TO INTRODUCE VISITING
EGYPTIAN DESK OFFICER KEVIN HONAN, DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT AMR MUSA AND ACTING DIRECTOR LEGAL
DEPARTMENT RAFIQ HASSAN BOTH BROUGHT UP ISRAELI POLICY IN
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. MUSA SAID THAT SITUATION IS "VERY
SERIOUS" AND LATEST GOE STATEMENTS (REFTEL) ARE NOT FOR
DEOMESTIC CONSUMPTION, BUT EXPRESS HIGHEST LEVEL EGYPTIAN
CONCERN. BOTH OFFICIALS SAID EXPANSION OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS
IN ALL TERRITORIES AND OIL EXPLORATION IN AND AROUND SINAI SHOULD
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STOP IF THE ISRAELIS ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PEACE AND IT IS UP TO
US TO TALK STRAIGHT TO ISRAELIS. GOE HAS, THEY SAID, EXHIBITED GREAT
PATIENCE BUT ISRAELI POLICY HAS NOW GONE BEYOND ANY TOLERABLE
LIMITS. THE ONLY CONCLUSION ONE CAN COME TO IS THAT ISRAELIS
INTEND TO STAY IN MUCH OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

2. DESPITE FACT THAT BOTH OFFICIALS OBVIOUSLY TROUBLED BY APPARENT

ARAB INABILITY TO REVERSE OR EVEN SLOW DOWN REPORTED ISRAELI ACTIVITIES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY, NEITHER ONE INDICATED THAT GOE CONTEMPLATED ANY IMMEDIATE ACTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL OR ELSEWHERE. THEY SEEMED TO FEEL SITUATION HAD GONE BEYOND GOE'S ABILITY TO COPE AND THEREFORE PREFERRED TO RELY ON US TO FORCE CHANGE IN ISRAELI POLICY. (HOWEVER, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, FAHMY HAS WARNED THAT GOE MAY FEEL COMPELLED TO DO SO.)

3. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN AWARENESS AND CONCERN OVER ISRAELI POLICY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAVE INTENSIFIED DURING PAST FEW MONTHS, PARTLY WE BELIEVE BECAUSE OF PUBLICITY GULF OF SUEZ DISPUTE RECEIVED AND SUCH STORIES AND MAPS AS APPEARED IN FEB. 28 INTERNATIONAL EDITION OF TIME ON ALLEGED AIR BASES, ROADS AND SETTLEMENTS IN SINAI. WE EXPECT TO BE HEARING EVEN MORE ABOUT THIS IN MONTHS AHEAD.
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